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In re Application of:

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PROVIDING METHOD AND  
EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES  
PROVIDING APPARATUS, AND  
CONTROL PROGRAM

) Group Art Unit: 2152

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. Application

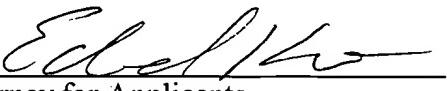
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

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